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United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Attn: Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: U.S. Patent Application No. 10/009,527  
Filed: December 10, 2001  
For: *Biological Joint Construct*  
Inventor: Schaefer, et al.  
Our Ref.: 966927.00004

Dear Sir/Madam:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application.

1. Response and Amendments Under 37 C.F.R. 1.111; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Respectfully submitted,

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**RESPONSE AND AMENDMENTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 26, 2007, Applicants submit the following Amendments and Remarks.

Response being due on or before June 26, 2007, it is not believed that any extension of time for response is necessary. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-0622.

Applicants respectfully request that the above-captioned application be amended as indicated below.